

Chief, Special Funds Division

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Office of the General Counsel

Weight Allowances under Foreign Service Travel Regulations

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1. Reference is made to proposed official dispatch dated 25 October 1948 from the Chief, FBZ to the Chief of Station, [REDACTED] concerning the application of weight allowances to employees with designations. The application of weight allowances arises from Agency adoption of Foreign Service Travel Regulations for employees in such category. You have referred this dispatch to this office for coordination.

2. This office is coordinating this matter by memorandum in place of signature or initial coordination due to the interpretative character of the proposed communication.

3. It is apparent that the Foreign Service Travel Regulations were adopted to achieve an equalization of benefits between CIA employees having a designation status and State employees having actual Foreign Service status. Paragraph 3 of referenced memorandum accomplishes this objective with respect to weight allowances.

4. To deny an additional 7,750 pounds to those employees who arrived at their overseas station prior to 1 January 1948 would be to further the difficulties of equalization which have affected CIA designees in the past.

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5. The cut-off date of 1 January 1948 determines the date of adoption of Foreign Service Travel Regulations and the date on which additional weight allowances become available to eligible employees. Any retroactive grants prior to 1 January 1948 would be opposed to Agency intent and would foster a condition of unsettlement in administrative accounts.

6. On the basis of the foregoing and the memorandum heretofore referred to, this office concurs with the interpretations concerning additional weight allowances.

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